



# The *Link* School

The Link School is an alternative High School for students who want or need an experiential education in a family environment where Christian Science is lived.

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Its purpose is to help students “*find the indissoluble spiritual link which establishes man forever in the divine likeness.*” MBE

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## Personal Information

Student’s Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last/surname Preferred or nickname Jr./etc.  
(may be used on school records)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female  
Mo Day Yr

Student’s Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport issue date: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address City  
State/Province Zip/postal code Country (if not USA)

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Student Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of proposed entrance to The Link School \_\_\_ Fall 20\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Applying for \_\_\_ 9<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_ 10<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_ 11<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_ 12<sup>th</sup>

Last or current grade in school \_\_\_\_\_ Has the applicant ever skipped or repeated a grade? If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

## School Information

Please list all schools the applicant has attended in the last three years (starting with the most recent):

Name of School (address, city, state, zip)	Director/Principal	Dates attended	Grade (K-12) in school	Phone numbers (please include area codes)

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## Family Information

**Father's name** \_\_\_\_\_  
Prefix First Middle Last/surname Jr./etc  
\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_ Remarried (current spouse full name \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_ Deceased

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address City State/province Zip/postal code Country (If not USA)

Home phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Business phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Father's occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's name** \_\_\_\_\_  
Prefix First Middle Last/surname Jr./etc  
\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_ Remarried (current spouse full name \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_ Deceased

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Home phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Business phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant lives with (check all that apply): \_\_\_ Father \_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_ Both \_\_\_ Guardian \_\_\_ Other

Where should admissions materials be sent? \_\_\_ Father \_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_ Both \_\_\_ Guardian \_\_\_ Other

Where should conference reports/grades be sent? \_\_\_ Father \_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_ Both \_\_\_ Guardian \_\_\_ Other

Where should bills be sent? \_\_\_ Father \_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_ Both \_\_\_ Guardian \_\_\_ Other

Divorced or separated? Who has legal custody? \_\_\_ Father \_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_ Both \_\_\_ Guardian \_\_\_ Other

If anyone else shares or has legal responsibility for the applicant, please give the following information:

Legal guardian's name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address City State/province Zip/postal code Country (If not USA)

Home phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Business phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Is this person a Christian Scientist? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Please list the names of other children in the family:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ M / F Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Present Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ M / F Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Present Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ M / F Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Present Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**For Parents**

- Has the applicant ever been dismissed, disciplined, placed on probation, or suspended from school or camp?  
 Yes  No      If "Yes", please attach a letter of explanation.
- Has the applicant ever had an IEP?  Yes  No      If "Yes", please include with the application even if you feel it's outdated.
- The Link School's expeditions, projects and service work will be physically demanding, is the applicant currently experiencing a physical or emotional challenges that might limit participation in these activities? If so, please explain. Use additional paper if necessary.

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- Is the applicant experiencing challenges with their school and/or academic experience? If so, please explain. Use additional paper if necessary.

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- Is there anything unusual about the applicant's home life? If so, please explain. Use additional paper if necessary.

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- Please give reasons for wanting your child to attend The Link School. Use extra paper if necessary.

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- How did you hear about The Link School? \_\_\_\_\_

**Christian Science Information**

The following questions apply to those with whom the applicant is now living.

Is the applicant's  Father  Stepfather a Christian Scientist?  Yes  No

Is he a member of a Branch Church?  Yes  No. Is he Class taught?  Yes  No

If he is not a Christian Scientist, is he active in another church? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, which? \_\_\_\_\_

Is he willing for the applicant to receive Christian Science treatment for health needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the applicant's  Mother  Stepmother a Christian Scientist?  Yes  No

Is she a member of a Branch Church?  Yes  No. Is she Class taught?  Yes  No

If she is not a Christian Scientist, is she active in another church? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, which? \_\_\_\_\_

Is she willing for the applicant to receive Christian Science treatment for health needs? \_\_\_\_\_

**For Students:**

Please answer the following questions *in your own handwriting*. Additional paper may be used and attached.

1. What are your primary interests and activities? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What experience do you have with:

a. Outdoor activities \_\_\_\_\_

b. Service work? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Sports \_\_\_\_\_

d. Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

e. Photo/arts/music \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you ever lived away from home at a boarding school, camp or traveled? If so, what was that like for you? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Please tell us a bit about your family. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. a. What are your main reasons for applying to The Link School? \_\_\_\_\_

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b. What could you gain from attending The Link School? \_\_\_\_\_

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c. What could you give at The Link School (i.e. character strengths)? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Are there any specific things you are sorting through right now in relation to smoking, drinking, drugs, relationship choices, etc.? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. a. Do you consider yourself as a student of Christian Science? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If no, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. Do you attend a Christian Science Sunday School? \_\_\_\_\_ How often? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Are you a member of The Mother Church and/or a branch church? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Do you use spiritual care for health care and other needs? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Please share a recent healing experience. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- f. How do you use Christian Science in your day-to-day life? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_
8. a. What are your academic strengths? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- b. What areas need improvement? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Tell us about any school-sponsored programs, clubs, student government, or community service in which you have participated. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. How did you hear about Link? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**The Link School Standards:** I agree to:

- make moral choices in my behavior and encourage integrity in others (including refraining from tobacco, alcohol, drugs, pornography and premarital sex)
- willingly engage in the academics, projects, field programs, service, and spiritual development programs at The Link School
- treat all with respect
- approach academic work with academic integrity
- seek spiritual care for health issues whenever practical and to engage in the study of Christian Science.

The information I have provided in this application is factually correct, is honestly presented, and is my own work.

**Student's initials** \_\_\_\_\_

**References**

Please give references forms to three adults who could support your application. Please hand out one academic reference to a core teacher, the general reference form to someone who can speak specifically to the applicant's character/use of Christian Science, and another general reference form to someone of your choosing (teacher, coach, counselor, employer). Reference forms can be downloaded from our website at [www.TheLinkSchool.org](http://www.TheLinkSchool.org) - go to the Enrollment tab. Inside the Enrollment tab, if you click on the Enrollment Process menu, you can also find a link for your references to access an on-line version of the reference form.

**Non-discrimination clause:** The Link School admits and enrolls qualified Christian Science students without regard to race, color, national or ethnic origin and affords these students an equal opportunity to experience an education at The Link School. In the administration of all its educational policies, financial aid programs, athletic and other school-administered programs, The Link School does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, national or ethnic origin, but rather appreciates the diversity and the individuality found in the entire student body.

Personal information (name, age, address, etc.) provided in this application will not be disclosed to third parties outside of The Link School. Please contact the Admissions Office if you have any questions.

**Signature of applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

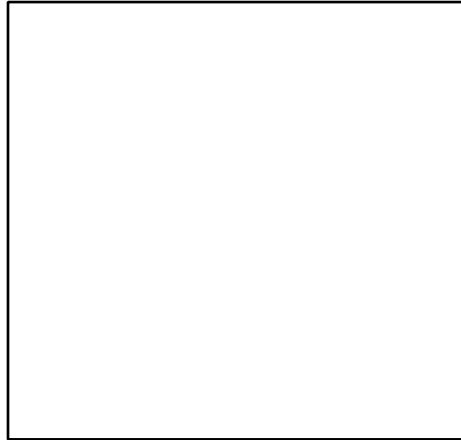
**Signature of father** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_ Stepmother                      \_\_ Legal Guardian

**Signature of mother** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_ Stepmother                      \_\_ Legal Guardian

Additional application steps:

- Include transcripts from all previous high schools attended, or, if not yet in high school, your previous 2 years of school
- Please distribute reference forms to appropriate people (these can be found on our website)
- Please include the \$50 application fee with this application.
- Call to schedule an interview with our Executive Director, James Orlet 510-508-5608

Please attach photo of applicant.



## Checklist for completing The Link School application

- Please be sure all questions are answered fully.
- Please include a picture of the applicant when you return the completed application.
- Please include a check for the \$50 application fee.
- Sign the application. If only one parent/guardian has full legal custody, only that parent's/guardian's signature is necessary. Otherwise, both parents'/guardians' signatures are required. Legally separated or divorced parents will need to send a copy of the final agreement regarding custody. If one parent/guardian is deceased, a copy of the death certificate will be necessary.
- Request an official copy of grades (showing the last two full years' work plus the current year's) and the most recent standardized test scores for the applicant.
- If your student has ever had an IEP, please be sure to include a copy of that with the application. Even if it's old, it's helpful for us to see the steps that others have taken on behalf of your student.
- Hand out three reference forms – there are 2 kinds, an academic reference and a general reference. Please hand out 1 academic reference to a teacher who knows you well. Please hand out 1 general reference to someone who can speak to your student's application and use of Christian Science, and then 1 more to a person of your choice.
- Read The Link School Standards at the end of the application and discuss together the importance of supporting them. Then complete and sign the back page of the application form.
- Complete the student pages of application.
- Complete the parent pages of application.
- Request that all academic records and reference forms be sent to The Link School as soon as possible: PO Box 6330, Buena Vista, CO 81211; email to the Academic Director, Makenzie Murray ([makenzie@thelinkschool.org](mailto:makenzie@thelinkschool.org)).
- Should you need to apply for financial aid, please do so as soon as possible. The application for Tuition Assistance Funds can be downloaded online here: <http://www.thelinkschool.org/enrollment/enrollment-process/>
- Submit all application materials to Executive Director, James Orlet, at [james@thelinkschool.org](mailto:james@thelinkschool.org)



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**Student Reference: from a Teacher**

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ Teachers' name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

What subject do you teach? \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

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We would appreciate your assistance in completing this reference form as part of the student's application. Your evaluation will be kept confidential and will be used for admissions purposes only. Please return your reference as soon as possible.

1. Which adjectives or qualities come to mind when considering this student?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Many aspects of Link's program ask students to work independently. Please comment on your perception of the student's motivation and ability to complete tasks independently.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Do you think a residential high school environment would be a good fit for this student?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. How do you regard the student's citizenship (willingness/ability to get along with others, respect for rules, leadership potential, etc.)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What positive qualities or talents do you see the student contributing to his/her overall experience at The Link School?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Are you familiar enough with the student's home, social and school life to know if there is anything unusual that we should know about in order to work effectively with the student?

7. Are you aware of any reason why The Link School should be cautious about accepting the student? .
8. Is there any additional information you would like to provide which would be helpful to us as we consider this student?

Academic Specifics - if you have knowledge of the following:

1. Please comment on the student's writing abilities (i.e. - ability to organize ideas; understanding of the basic essay form and experience with defending a thesis; correct usage of grammar, spelling, and punctuation; and experience with creative writing).
2. Please comment on the student's reading experience (i.e. - comprehension level, ability to read independently, experience with reading analysis, recent books read).
3. Please comment on the student's math and science aptitude.

How do you support this student's application to The Link School?

Strongly recommended     Recommended     Recommended with reservation     Do not recommend

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**Student Reference: General** \_\_\_\_\_

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ Evaluator's name \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity do you know the student? \_\_\_\_\_

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Core curriculum of The Link School: Academics, Individual Projects, Expeditions, Service Work and Spiritual Development

1. Do you feel this curriculum would be a good fit for this student?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Are you aware of anything that would limit their involvement in any of the 5 key components?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What is your perception of this student's readiness for a residential high school environment?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. If you are familiar with the student's faith, do you know if he/she studies Christian Science on his/her own initiative?  
Please give an example.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. How do you regard the student's citizenship (willingness/ability to get along with others, respect for rules, leadership potential, etc.)?

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